

Remarks

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 22, 2004. The applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24, 29 and 30 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 10, 16, 25, 31 and 32 have been amended. Claims 15 and 30 have been amended to correct the dependency of each claim. Claims 3, 4, 13, 14, 18, 28 and 29 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15-17, 19-27, 30, 31 and 32 remain pending in this case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and any other claims in this application and in other applications.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because the Office Action states that the lines, numbers and letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black (poor line quality) for Figs. 3-11. Applicants have corrected drawings 3-11 and believe that the drawings are now in a proper format. In addition, Fig. 8 has been split into Fig. 8A and Fig. 8B. The specification has also been amended to reflect this change as noted above in the amendments to the specification section. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-13, 16, 17, 19-22, 25-28, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Debry, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,097,498) and *Herzog, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,651,278). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, a print header that is embedded within each data segment, the header including information that describes the size of data in the data segment in compressed and uncompressed form. Claim 31 has also been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14, dividing the print data into separate data streams such that each of said streams contains only print data for one color of ink.

Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 18, creating a print header containing instructions for processing each data segment, wherein the print data host embeds a header in each data segment that contains information in the header which describes the size of data in the segment in compressed and uncompressed form.

Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 29, dividing the print data into separate data streams, wherein the print data host arranges print data into data streams such that each of the data streams contains data for only one color of ink. Claim 32 has also been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 29.

Accordingly, claims 1, 10, 16, 25, 31 and 32 are allowable over *Debry* and *Herzog*, and the applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 10, 16, 25, 31 and 32 be withdrawn. Claims 2 and 5-9 depend from claim 1, and claims 11, 12 and 15 depend from claim 10, and claims 17 and 19-24 depend from claim 16, and claims 26, 27 and 30 depend from claim 25, and are allowable along with claims 1, 10, 16 and 25 respectively, for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claims 1, 10, 16 and 25.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. A one-month extension of time fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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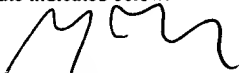


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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 3-11. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-11, replaces the originally filed sheets including Figs. 1-11.

Attachment: Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-11.